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REMARKS

The term "the retainer groove of the screwdriver bit" in claim 1 has been revised to "a retainer groove of the screwdriver bit" as per the examiner's suggestion.

10 Claim 1 has been amended appropriately in order to correct some grammatical errors.

The Examiner pointed out that claims 1, 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang (5,934,384) in view of Palm (5,333,523), and further pointed out that claim 2 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any
15 intervening claims. In response to this, claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled, and claim 2 has been added to claim 1 in order to further narrow the limitation of claim 1. Thus, the amended claim 1 would be patentable.

20 Applicant respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully,

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